

REMARKS

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) issued a decision on August 12, 2005 reversing the Commissioner's rejections as to Claims 5, 8, 10, 11/10, 12, 14, 15/14, and 16. An Office Action was mailed on November 3, 2005 directing the Applicant to rewrite claims 5, 8, 1-12, 14-16 into independent form. In compliance therewith, as shown in the listing of claims starting on page 4, Applicant presents Claims 18-27 which are the independent rewritten forms of Claims 5, 8, 10, 11/10, 12, 14, 15/14, and 16, and cancels Claims 5, 8, 10, 11/10, 12, 14, 15/14 and 16.

Specifically,

Claim 18 is Claim 5/1 rewritten into independent form;

Claim 19 is Claim 5/2 rewritten into independent form;

Claim 20 is Claim 8/1 rewritten into independent form;

Claim 21 is Claim 8/2 rewritten into independent form;

Claim 22 is Claim 10 rewritten into independent form;

Claim 23 is Claim 11/10 rewritten into independent form;

Claim 24 is Claim 12/9 rewritten into Independent form;

Claim 25 is Claim 14 rewritten into independent form;

Claim 26 is Claim 15 rewritten into independent form; and

Claim 27 is Claim 16 rewritten into Independent form.

Claims 18-27 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

THE APPLICANT'S TIME TO RESPOND

The 30-day time period in which to respond ends on December 3, 2005. The Commissioner is asked to note the Applicant's Certificate of Mailing/Transmission in conjunction with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of Claims 18-27 is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (360) 750-9931 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case. The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Such is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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